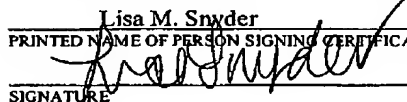


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2007,
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Applicants hereby elect with traverse Invention I, species B, and sub-species C for
further prosecution. Claims 15-18 and 23-25 are the claims encompassing the elected
invention.